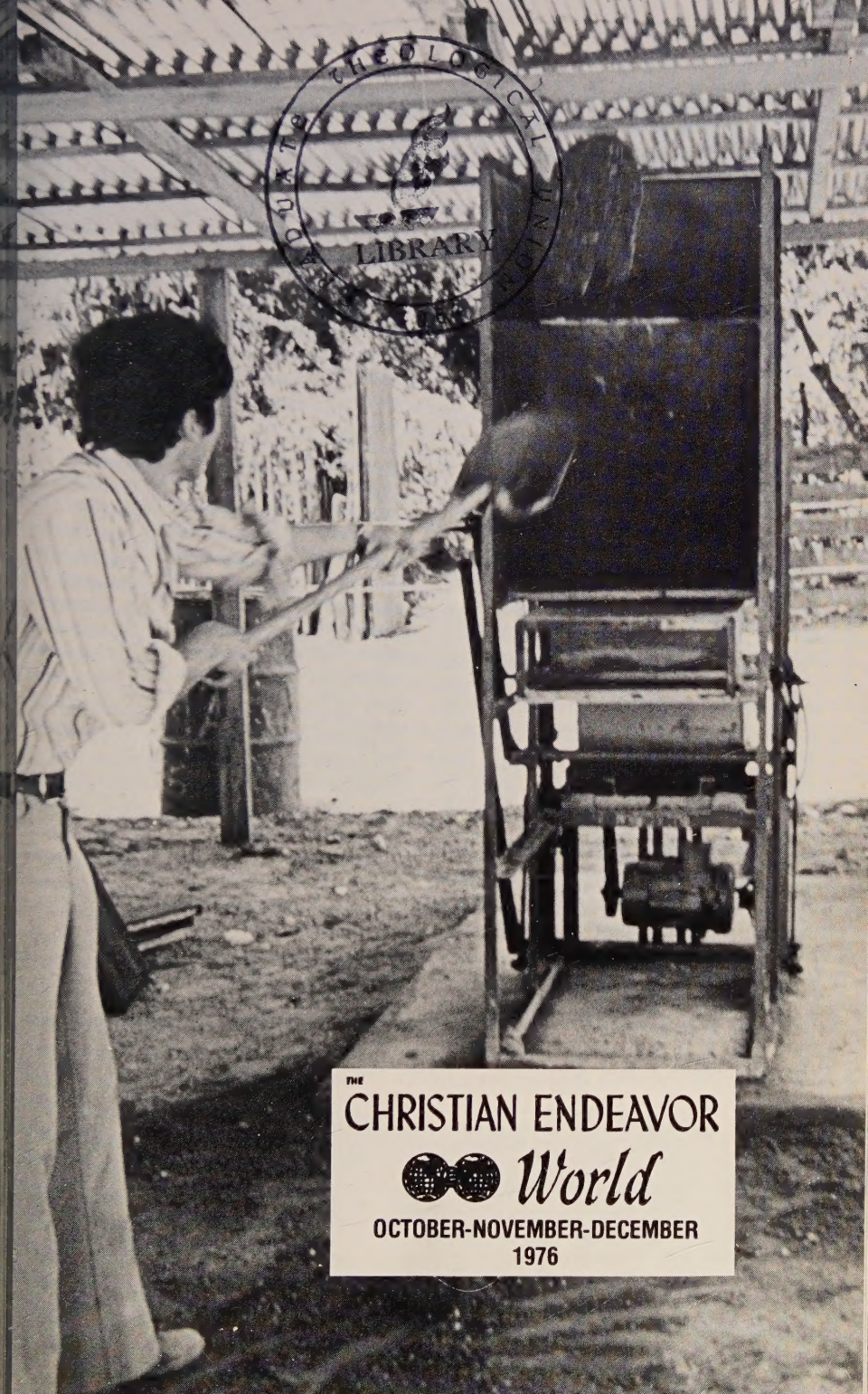
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Thirty Years . . . and Then

On Monday, November 4, 1946, the International Society opened its office at 1201 East Broad Street, in Columbus, Ohio, and I as a new employee joined those who had moved from Boston. During these thirty years it has been my opportunity to serve Christian Endeavor in many ways and many places; my life has been enriched by this employment.

Effective December 10 I completed my work as an employee of the movement and rejoined the ranks of volunteers. I'm looking forward to again serving the Lord through Christian Endeavor as a "labor of love." I continue as executive secretary and treasurer of the World's Union and will also help in the Central Ohio Union, the Columbus Area Adult Fellowship, and the Ohio Union — all relationships which I have cherished through the years.

A new era is opening in my life as I begin a career in banking, but my first love continues to be Christian Endeavor. I thank God for His direction in my life and pray that the movement will continue to go forward in His will.

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MEXICAN leaders with President Pagel.

What I Saw In Mexico and Guatemala

By Rev. Arno Pagel
World's Union President

Before I started July 26, 1976, on a visit to the missionaries of the Marburger Mission (of which agency I am the full-time director), I had the opportunity of meeting Christian Endeavorers in Mexico and Guatemala. In Mexico City we had a fine rally in a large Presbyterian church with a good attendance of some hundred, mostly teen-agers. Some young girls whom I addressed in their pew proved to be Roman Catholics. They had been invited by their classmates. It was nice to see how soon they learned the words and the tunes of some choruses and really joined the fellowship of that occasion.

After an opulent meal, which was a demonstration of Mexican hospitality, I had a long talk with some Christian Endeavor leaders in a private home. They asked me many questions and wished to learn a lot about what Christian Endeavor is doing in my own country of Germany and in other parts of the world.

I for my part was gladly surprised and encouraged to hear of many Christian Endeavor activities in the vast country of Mexico. The leaders are rather young. The most astonishing fact for me was that the Mexican Union has two presidents, one for the young people and the other for the Juniors. The latter was a boy of 17 who is responsible for some hundred groups and travels much around the country. The population in Central and South America seems to be very young in its vast majority, and also in church life the burden of activities and responsibilities is laid sometimes upon very young shoulders.

Guatemala National Convention

In Guatemala I attended the National Christian Endeavor Convention, which was being held in Monte Sion, a large camp area outside the capital. It was the first meeting of this extent after the disaster by the earthquake in February 1976. A crowd

RELIEF WORK in Guatemala will move forward with these blocks made through the efforts of Endeavorers.

RUINS OF A HOUSE destroyed by the February earthquake; the new Christian Endeavor truck in the background is used to deliver blocks for rebuilding.

of about 200 had gathered. There was a great variety of meetings and activities in the program comprising a lot of fun, noise, and loud singing. But I found also a great willingness to listen to the Word of God and to hear about the worldwide family of God in our Christian Endeavor movement. Once I told about Christians who are suffering for Christ through their open confession of faith in atheistic and Communist countries, and it was very, very quiet in the crowd which was so full of life and fun at other occasions.

Help for Earthquake Victims

Of course I was very much interested to see something of the damage caused by the terrible earthquake. Especially my attention was focused on the efforts of the Guatemala Endeavorers to help their earthquake-stricken countrymen to build new and more solid homes.

As a result of the financial help from a number of Christian Endeavor unions around the world (U.S.A., Canada, Australia, Great Britain, Germany, India, Sierra Leone, and the Netherlands), two machines have been bought to manufacture cement blocks. I saw one of these in action. The other was temporarily installed in the ruins of a Presbyterian church. From there it was soon to be placed in a nearby little town which had also suffered much from the earthquake. The plan was discussed even to buy a third machine. Certainly since the time of my visit there can be seen the first results of the efforts, and some people have cheaply bought the blocks and replaced their poor huts by new solid homes.

A truck, also purchased from the relief funds, proves to be extremely useful. I saw how it was loaded with sacks full of cement which were then moved to the place where the block machine was in action. At other occasions it picked up some of the participants of the National Convention who had arrived with their luggage at a distant railway or bus station.

As my eyes have seen, our friends in Guatemala are doing their best helping to reconstruct their devastated country. But they are also active and eager to share the tremendous task of building God's Kingdom among young people of their nation. They need our sympathy and our prayers.

LOADING MATERIALS into the new truck so that more blocks can be made.

YOUTH RETREAT at Kassel, Germany, with Rev. Thilaha Dhas (fourth from left) and Rev. Konrad Brandt, German Union secretary, at his left.

India Secretary Travels

Rev. J. V. Thilaha Dhas, travelling secretary of the India Christian Endeavor Union the past three years, is in the United States on a leave of absence. He is studying in the School of Missions, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, where he is enrolled in a program leading to a Master of Theology degree in Missiology.

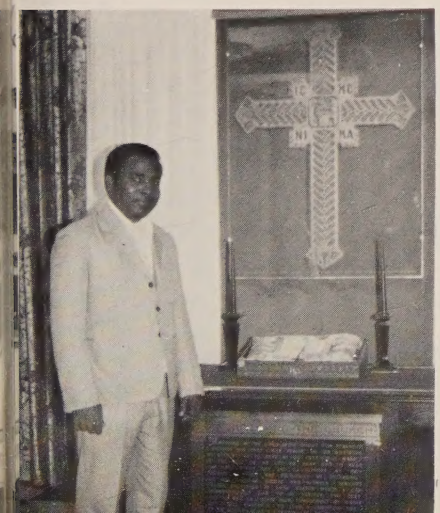
Mr. Dhas is a presbyter in the Church of South India and served as a pastor for five years and one year as district minister.

Enroute to the United States Mr. Dhas visited Germany in September for a period of ten days to learn more about the German way of life since the German Christian Endeavor Union is assisting him in his studies with a scholarship grant.

In addition to visiting Headquarters in Kassel, he participated in a number of meetings and enjoyed a program of sightseeing which included East Germany. He also had opportunity to share in the union's tent mission.

Mr. Dhas stopped in Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A., at Headquarters to confer with World's Union officers.

He was welcomed in Los Angeles by California leaders, who are arranging for him to share in Christian Endeavor meetings and visit many churches in the area. It is also anticipated that he will have opportunity to travel to Oregon and will participate in the International Convention in Pennsylvania next summer.



VISITS to German Headquarters at Kassel (left) and to the International Society and World's Union offices in Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A., were on Mr. Dhas's itinerary.

PORTUGUESE ENDEAVORERS are developing a holiday camp at t Madalene on the seaside. This summer the well was deepened and a small well house (not shown in above photo) was built to protect the water supply from vandals. Work was donated by friends, with only materials purchased. German Endeavorers have made generous gifts, but the work is hampered by lack of funds. The lower photo shows Endeavorers from Vila Nova de Gaia (Oporto) enjoying a camp session.

JAPANESE YOUTH enjoyed a camp at Yokohama this summer. The president and secretary of the Japan Union, Rev. Takashi Oku, is seated behind the CE in the banner. Four camps were held, one each at Kyushu and Kansai and two in the Tokyo area; these are a main project of the union. A camp is also planned at Tohoku in northeast Japan in 1977.

Rike Resigns

Phyllis I. Rike, associated with Christian Endeavor Headquarters since 1946 and a Staff officer of the International Society since 1957, resigned effective December 10. In addition to serving as administrative secretary and treasurer of the organization, she was editor of the official publication, THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. She has accepted the position of executive secretary in the investment department of the City National Bank and Trust Company, Columbus, Ohio. Miss Rike continues to serve as executive secretary and treasurer of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

Bruce J. Vliek, Columbus, Ohio, has been named acting treasurer of the International Society.

Miss Rike served for a number of years as assistant to the general secretary. In 1956 she was named executive assistant and editor; in 1957 she was elected to the Staff position of assistant secretary, in 1960 administrative secretary, and in 1967 treasurer and clerk of the corporation.

Miss Rike has been a leader at many regional, International, and World's conventions and conferences and has traveled extensively in the United States as well as in about fifty countries, mainly in the interest of the movement.

ENTERING her new condominium at 23 Midcliff Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43213, is proud owner Phyllis Rike.

Thank You, Phyllis Rike

In paying tribute to Miss Rike, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president of the International Society from 1959 through 1963, said, "It has been a pleasure and an inspiration to work with Phyllis Rike through the 30 years of her service at Christian Endeavor Headquarters. I especially appreciated her counsel and helpfulness while I was president of the International Society. She was one to whom we all frequently looked for answers for she was familiar with Christian Endeavor history, its principles, practices, and procedures.

"She is a person of wonderful skill in recording the actions of a large deliberative body. I have seen her in many meetings in the midst of much confusion and variety of opinions come out of the meeting with an accurate account of the actions as well as a shorthand record in detail of the discussion. Some of us marveled at her concentration. She is a master of detail with a keen sense of humor and consideration for others.

"Phyllis knows and loves the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and friend. I have heard her say so many times in many places, under many different circumstances. Phyllis loves the movement of Christian Endeavor and served it well over a long span of years," stated Arch J. McQuilkin, president of the International Society 1963-1967.

He continued, "Committed, dedicated, loyal, tireless, knowledgeable, capable, efficient — put them all together and that's Phyllis Rike.

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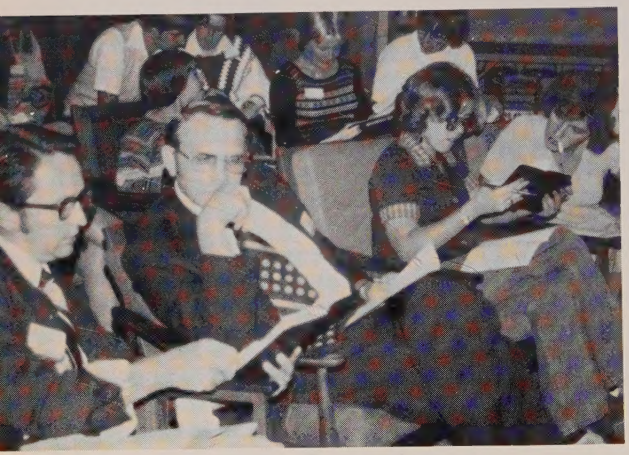

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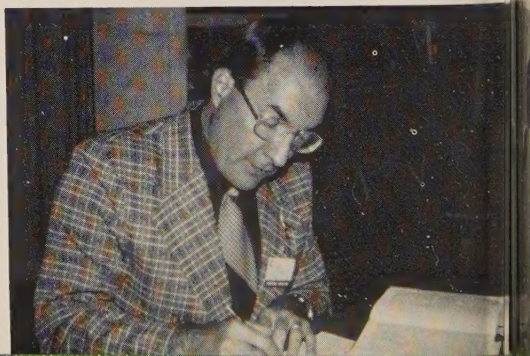

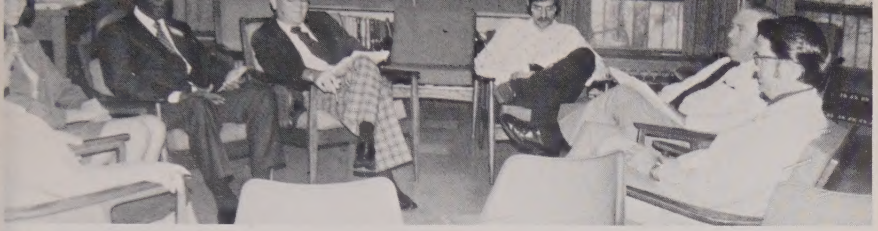

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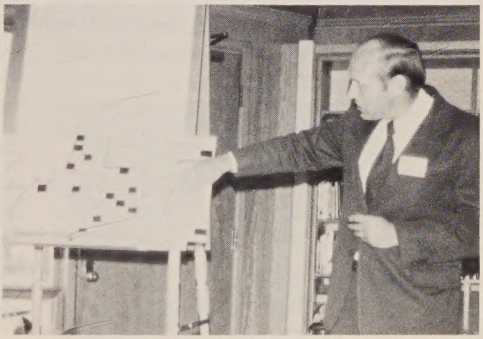


WORLD'S UNION TRUSTEES and guests at the July 1976 meeting in Reading, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., are (from left) Arch J. McQuilkin, Clyde W. Meadows, Frances M. Becker, Wilfred Bird, Wadie Hermina, William J. Sharpe, Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, Christopher Summerville, George Hermina, Arno Pagel, Charles W. Barner, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Doyle, Jr., Clyde Sherk, and Alan J. Ramsey.

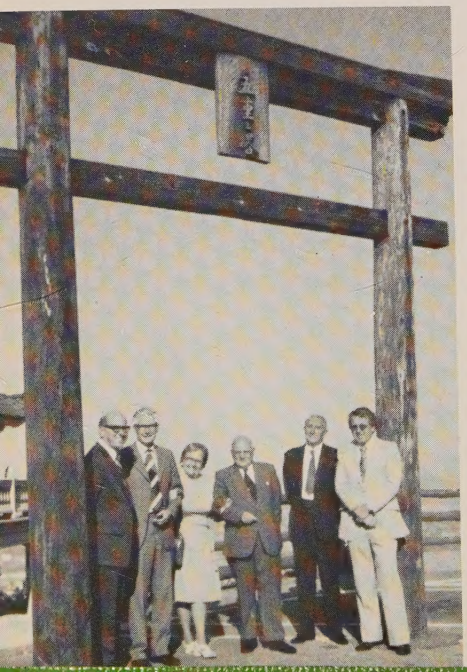
1976 World's Union Board

The Board of Trustees met in Reading, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., July 19-20, 1976. President Arno Pagel reported on tentative plans to travel to Korea in January 1977, possibly stopping to visit with India leaders en route. On April 11 he will be in Wales for the National Convention, followed by meetings in England; in early June he will participate in the British Union Convention in Hove, Sussex. He has been invited to go to Uganda in August to share in the Festival of Thanksgiving and may visit Nigeria and Egypt in connection with this trip.

On October 14-20, 1977, the Area II Conference, followed by the Board meeting, are scheduled in Barcelona, Spain.

The Board authorized funds for India leaders to visit Bangladesh and Sri Lanka to expand the work of Christian Endeavor in these developing countries.

The Board also set the dates of October 14-17, 1978, for the 18th World's Convention to be held in India, with official meetings preceding the convention October 11-14. Budget and subsidies were considered, with emphasis on encouraging Asian delegates to attend.



PENNSYLVANIA, NOT JAPAN, is the locale for this tori gate. World's Union leaders in Reading who visited Mount Penn are (from left) Charles W. Barner, general secretary; Wilfred Bird, Area II treasurer; Frances M. Becker, vice-president; Alan J. Ramsey, Area II chairman; William J. Sharpe, Area II general secretary; and Clyde Sherk, vice-president.

Worldwide News Briefs

News from Britain

On June 1 the new Christian Endeavor Headquarters at Leamington Spa was dedicated, as part of the Oldbury Convention. Rev. George E. Bowden, who will be concluding his work as general secretary in 1977, took charge of the move from Hounslow to Leamington and helped set up the new offices, which include dwelling quarters and areas for housing delegates for conferences.

PENNSYLVANIA 77

In addition to delegates from Canada, the United States, and Mexico, it is expected that Endeavorers from Guatemala, Germany, Egypt, and India will participate in the International Convention July 11-15 at Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

A tour group from Germany under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Konrad Brandt will spend two weeks in the Washington-Philadelphia-New York area, staying in homes, preceding the convention. This will give opportunity to fellowship on a one-to-one basis.

Since the Area I Conference could not be held in Guatemala in 1976, an invitation was issued to the National Union to send approximately five of its leaders to this convention.

Word has just been received that a Hawaiian Choir hopes to participate in the sessions. Wadie Hermina and his son George from Egypt and Rev. J. V. Thilaha Dhas from India also will attend.

CHRISTIVAL 76 exhibit prepared by German Endeavorers featured a striking photo display. The sessions in Essen were a Congress for Young Christians, with Dr. Billy Graham as one of the speakers.

Centennial Plans

Ideas for a theme and logo (emblem or symbol) in connection with the 1981 Centennial observance of the Christian Endeavor movement are being sought. Youth are urged to send suggestions as soon as possible to Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A.

Several publications are to be printed in connection with the Centennial and national unions are encouraged to send information, including history, personalities, present Christian Endeavor work, and future plans, to Columbus Headquarters before June 30, 1977.

German youth rally near Kassel.

NEWS

GOLDEN RULE Endeavorers met July 23-25 at the Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland. With the theme of "Christ Makes the Difference," 68 conference delegates enjoyed learning, rapping, and witnessing together. Arch J. McQuilkin was toastmaster and Sunday worship speaker; Maryland Endeavorers and a former German Union member participated.

Personalia

Overseas Endeavorers visiting in the United States this fall included *Rev. Yusef Abdul Noor,* who heads the work in Kuwait, and *Bishop Solomon Doraisawny* of India. Word has been received that Mr. Doraisawmy suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized in New York.

Stephanie Vaughn, Endeavorer from Oregon, spent the summer in La Ceiba, Honduras, as a volunteer worker.

Rev. John Shackelford, with his wife Esther is in California for six months for rest and medical treatment. He will then use the expertise in Christian camping developed during his work at Monte Sion in Guatemala for an assignment as a general consultant with Christian Camping International, assisting in the work throughout Latin America.

Congratulations to *Mrs. Anna Assink* of Yakima, Washington, for the excellent article which appeared in her bank's publication detailing the work she and her husband Gordon are doing in Christian Endeavor. A wonderful tribute to a lovely lady!

Sympathy is extended to *Mrs. Grace Hammond Barnes* in the death of her husband *Joseph* this summer; he is a former president of the Golden Rule Union.

Pennsylvania Prexy

The new president of the Pennsylvania Union is Rev. Paul W. Steel, who was born and raised in Philadelphia. He holds a B.A. degree in journalism from Judson College, Elgin, Illinois. He has done graduate work at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and was ordained to the ministry in June 1975. He presently serves as pastor of Allegheny Avenue Baptist Church in Philadelphia. In January 1975 he married the former Ann E. Roland of Reading. During teen years he was active in Northeast Branch, Philadelphia County, and has also served as Philadelphia County Union president and as state union vice-president.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS who are planning to organize a new society in the Columbus area visited Headquarters recently; here they examine the montage in the foyer

Guatemala Relief Committee

Word has been received that Guatemalan Endeavorers at their National Convention in July constituted a Relief Committee apart from the National Union in order to facilitate the work and not duplicate efforts. Outgoing president and executive secretary, Hugo Leonel Ramos Valdez and Silvia Canahui Calderon, along with the overseas secretary, Walter Ricardo Saavedra, are heading up the committee, which is called COMITE DE AYUDA; mail can be sent to Apartado Postal 947, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Central America.

The new president of the National Union is Aroldo Maldonado, with Hugo Eliseo Gomez Barrientos serving as executive secretary.

To date almost $29,000 has been sent to Guatemala for relief work. Contributions from Endeavorers in the United States and Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Australia, India, Japan, Sierra Leone, and the Netherlands have been received. Two block-making machines and a pick-up truck have been purchased and a project is under way whereby blocks are made available at low cost, thus enabling many more to be helped in erecting more stable homes.

GUATEMALA ENDEAVORERS close at Monte Sion Camp near Guatemala City during the union's national convention there July 23-25.

Herminas Visit U.S.A.

Wadie Hermina and his teen-age son George came to the United States in July and participated in World's Union meetings in Pennsylvania before visiting Headquarters in Ohio. They come from Cairo, Egypt, where they are active in the Presbyterian Church and in Christian Endeavor. George is attending high school this year in Troy, New York, and his mother Hortense and younger sister Jacquelyn plan to spend Christmas with him in this country.

"Get All Excited"

Theme for West Virginia's Retreat October 22-23 at Jackson's Mill was "Get All Excited," Former president Oreon E. Fields reports, "Never in the past 25 years have we seen such an increased participation as we have just witnessed." Organized like a political convention, the program featured Arch J. McQuilkin. Rev. Harold W. Myers, Jr., state president, was chairman.

The Youth SCENE

Sponsor training workshops planned by the Pennsylvania Union under the direction of Rev. E. Paul Albrecht, field secretary, were captioned "The Youth SCENE" and were held at six different locations from October 2 through December 4.

Christian Endeavor Week 1977

Christian Endeavor Week has been observed since 1914. At the 1913 Los Angeles International Convention, the week including the Sunday before and the Sunday after February 2 each year was officially set apart as Christian Endeavor Week.

In 1977 Christian Endeavor will celebrate its 96th birthday January 30-February 6.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Christ Makes the Difference." Basic plans for observing this birthday including plans for a birthday party will be included in the Winter Resource Packets to be released in November. Additional copies of these basic plans are available without charge upon request to Christian Endeavor Headquarters.

President Timothy J. Kribs will make a tour of the Middle Atlantic area during Christian Endeavor Week 1977. All arrangements for the presidential tour are being handled through the general secretary at Christian Endeavor Headquarters.

Raymond Veh Honored

Dr. Raymond M. Veh, former International Society trustee and a longtime contributor to CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD columns, was honored this year by his alma mater, North Central College of Naperville, Illinois, with a Distinguished Alumnus Award. The citation on the bronze plaque read: ". . . in recognition of distinguished achievement in Religious Journalism and Service to the Church."

Now editor emeritus of the United Methodist Church, Dr. Veh was former editor of BUILDERS and Evangelical United Brethren Church youth publications. He lives in Thiensville, Wisconsin, and pursues free lance writing and speaking in his area. He recently authored a tract, "Safety First or the Long View," and prepared a meditation published in the January/February issue of THE UPPER ROOM.

Thank You, Phyllis Rike

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"It is a joy to know and to have served with her. I thank God for every remembrance of Phyllis Rike."

President Elwood Dunn (1967-1971) in warm praise stated: "For more than a quarter of a century Phyllis Rike has been an employee of the International Society. For her it was not a job but a 'Way of Life.' A full, intense segment of a life's time extending from early hours to late, through weekend after weekend, she gave of her talent, reservoir of knowledge, experience and Christian commitment to extend the cause of Christ through Christian Endeavor.

"It is through such dedication that God has preserved the extensive leadership in the Christian Endeavor movement.

"Successive generations of Endeavorers will always be indebted to Phyllis Rike for her service to Christian Endeavor and for the example of unstinted giving of herself to the Church."

In appreciation of Miss Rike's service LaVerne H. Boss, president from 19 through 1975, said, "With over 25 years association with the International Society there is one name, one person, one thread in the fabric of Christian Endeavor that is synonymous with the movement. From the smallest details of the day-to-day operation, to the development of long range plans and goals, you would always find a quiet dedication, boundless energy, and inspired leadership of our loyal friend.

"Everyone may not know, but I can attest to the fact that always behind the scenes with a watchful eye there was the faithful Phyllis Rike. Certainly her presence on the day-to-day scene will be missed. God bless you, Phyllis, and a heartfelt thanks for what you have done over these many years."

A Message From the President, Timothy J. Kribs

1976 Report — 1977 Preview

As your president, it is my privilege and joy to report that 1976 has been a great year. Reports were brought from eighteen state unions at the October Board of Trustees meeting; almost without exception, more societies were reported in each area than last year. Remember our unions in prayer, that there might continue to be growth.

We continue to receive glowing reports of the effective use of our Junior and Youth Resource Packets, which we distribute without charge. We are thankful for our outstanding Educational Committee under the chairmanship of David Jackson, which plans and produces the packets. It is exciting to hear sponsors express thankfulness for these materials and it is a joy to know we are directly helping societies.

We have done much this year to strengthen the ties between denominations, state and provincial unions, and the International Society. We have had official representation at union conventions and at many denominational conventions and conferences. We are pleased at the warmth of our reception and at the renewed interest in Christian Endeavor.

In 1976 we have faced financial problems. These have required a reduction in personnel at Headquarters and forced a new helpful look at priorities. I am thankful for our faithful and dedicated Finance Committee, especially for the leadership of James Gaupp as chairman and for Bruce Vliek's willingness to serve as our new chairman. It is our hope that your faithful giving will enable us to balance this year's budget and move forward in 1977.

The prospects for next year look promising and exciting. Our general secretary, Charles Garner, will be doing increased field work, working closely with union field workers to extend the reach and influence of the movement. The PENNSYLVANIA 77 Program Committee, under the direction of Chairman Mary Moffitt, has planned an outstanding program for Reading July 11-15. The Stewardship emphasis is continuing through 1977; we will encourage as many as we can reach to commit themselves to tithe for one year.

I wish to express special thanks to our faithful and dedicated Staff and associates at Headquarters. May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to direct each of us as we remain faithful to Christ and the Church in Christian Endeavor.

54th International Christian Endeavor Convention

Pennsylvania 77

July 11-15, 1977

Albright College, Reading, Pennsylvania

Bulletin Covers suitable for Christian Endeavor Week 1977 are available in limited quantities. Page four contains information concerning Pennsylvania 77. If you prefer, we can supply Place Mats for banquets or similar functions. Items available without charge.

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